

COMPLETE LIST OF RESOURCES FOR UPSC CSE EXAM

NCERT Books

The Foundation and the First Line of reading while preparing for the Preliminary Test and Main Examination are the basic NCERT books and NIOS books of different segments of General Studies (All these are available in PDF format on internet)

- ✓ General Science: 9th and 10th Standard
- ✓ History: 11th and 12th Standards
- ✓ Geography: 11th and 12th Standards
- ✓ Economics: 11th and 12th Standards
- ✓ Art & Culture: 11th standard

General Studies – Paper I

Indian Heritage & Culture

- ✓ Facets of Indian Culture' by Spectrum
- ✓ Art and Culture by Nitin Singhania
- ✓ L. Basham: The wonder that was India
- ✓ CCRT website
- ✓ Exact IAS Comprehensive Art & Culture Notes by Saurabh Sir (Coming soon)

Ancient and Medieval History of India

- ✓ India's Ancient Past by R.S. Sharma published by Oxford University Press
- ✓ History of Medieval India (800–1700 AD) by Satish Chandra published by Orient Longman
- ✓ Exact IAS Complete History (Ancient & Medieval) GS Notes

Modern Indian History & Post Independent India

- ✓ A Brief history of Modern India- Spectrum Publications
- ✓ India's Struggle for Independence – Bipan Chandra (Selective Reading)
- ✓ NCERT by Bipan Chandra (For the period 1700s to 1857)
- ✓ Exact IAS Modern India Study notes

World History

- ✓ The Story of Civilization, Part 2 by Arjun Dev
- ✓ Contemporary World History for class XII (Old NCERT Book)
- ✓ Mastering Modern World History by Norman Lowe
- ✓ Exact IAS World History Study notes

Post-Independence India

- ✓ Politics in India since Independence, NCERT Class 12th
- ✓ India since independence - Bipin Chandra

Geography

- ✓ NCERT books on Indian and world Geography
- ✓ Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong
- ✓ Orient Black Swan World Atlas
- ✓ Exact IAS complete Geography GS notes

Indian Society

- ✓ XI Standard NCERT on Indian Society (Chapters on Unity & Diversity and Population Issues)
- ✓ XII Standard NCERT (Chapters on Communalism, Secularism and Urban Issues such as Poverty, Housing, etc.)
- ✓ Social Problems In India by Ram Ahuja
- ✓ The Hindu or Indian Express Newspaper
- ✓ Exact IAS Society GS Notes (Coming soon)

General Studies – Paper II

Governance, Constitution & Polity

- ✓ Laxmikanth
- ✓ ARC 2
- ✓ The Hindu or Indian Express Newspaper
- ✓ Yojana Magazine
- ✓ Exact IAS Polity GS Notes

Governance Issues

- ✓ From Government to Governance by Kuldeep Mathur
- ✓ Ethics in Governance, ARC Report
- ✓ Citizen Centric Administration (Chapters 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8 only and box items in the report)

Developmental Issues

- ✓ Human Development Report & World Development Report
- ✓ Panchayati Raj in India by Kuldeep
- ✓ The Hindu or Indian Express Newspaper
- ✓ Kurukshetra & Yojana Magazines

International Relations

- ✓ Rajiv Sikri: Challenge and Strategy- Understanding India's foreign policy
- ✓ Current affairs: The Hindu, India's World on RSTV
- ✓ Ministry of External Affairs website (Selective Reading)
- ✓ NCERT- Contemporary World Politics – Class 12th NCERT

Social justice

- ✓ Yojana, Kurukshetra
- ✓ Strategy for New India @ 75 – NITI Aayog

General Studies – Paper III

(Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)

Science & Technology

- ✓ VIII, IX, X Standard NCERT books on Biology
- ✓ The Hindu or Indian Express Newspaper (Note down and read about the latest scientific terms, discoveries and inventions frequently mentioned in news)
- ✓ India Yearbook: brought out by Publications Division : Chapter on Science and Technology

Indian Economy

- ✓ NCERT: India's Economic Development
- ✓ Indian Economy – by Ramesh Singh
- ✓ Economy- Mrunal

- ✓ Any one Economic Newspaper like The Economic Times, Business Standard, Financial Express.
- ✓ Yojana and Kurukshetra
- ✓ Relevant Economic Survey and Budget
- ✓ Exact IAS complete Economics GS notes

Environment and Bio-diversity

- ✓ NCERT: India's Physical Environment
- ✓ Shankar IAS book
- ✓ Chapter on Climate Change from Economic Survey
- ✓ Exact IAS complete Environment GS notes
- ✓ The Hindu or Indian Express Newspaper

Security

- ✓ Annual Reports of Ministry of Home Affairs, Defence and External Affairs
- ✓ Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar IPS

- ✓ IDSA Website (Selective Reading)

Agriculture

- ✓ Yojana & Kurukshetra (Selective Reading)
- ✓ Mrunal.org

General Studies – Paper IV

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- ✓ Ethics in Governance, ARC Report
- ✓ Lexicon by Chronicle Publications
- ✓ Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude for Civil Services Main Examination by Subba Rao and P.N. Roy Chaudary
- ✓ Exact IAS complete Ethics GS notes

Current Affairs

- ✓ The Hindu
- ✓ The Big Picture on RSTV
- ✓ PRS India for latest legislation
- ✓ All India Radio – Spotlight
- ✓ Any monthly magazine as per your convenience
- ✓ Exact IAS Daily and Monthly Current Updates can be helpful

Essay

- ✓ Essays for Civil Services by Pulkat Khare
- ✓ Fundamentals of Essay and Answer Writing – by Anudeep Durishetty
- ✓ Newspaper/Editorials